

Amendment No. 55 to SB7001

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001*

House Bill No. 7001

by deleting the amendatory language of Section 33 of the printed bill establishing § 3-6-309.

AND FURTHER amend by adding the following as new Section 42 and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, is amended by adding the following as a new appropriately designated chapter:

SECTION __. It is the intent of the general assembly that the integrity of the processes of local government be secured and protected from abuse. The general assembly recognizes that holding public office and public employment is a public trust and that citizens of Tennessee are entitled to a responsive, accountable, and incorruptible government.

SECTION __. Notwithstanding the provisions of any public or private act to the contrary, not later than June 30, 2007, the governing body of each municipality and county shall adopt by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, ethical standards for elected or appointed local governmental officials and employees of such municipality or county. Such standards shall include, at a minimum, limits on, and/or reasonable and systematic disclosure of, gifts or other things of value received by officials and employees that might impact or appear to impact their discretion, as well as reasonable and systematic disclosure by officials and employees of their personal interests that might impact or appear to impact their discretion.

SECTION __. Each municipality and county shall maintain, for public inspection, the ethical standards of such municipality or county and shall cause to be filed a copy of the adopted standards with the Tennessee Ethics Commission. Any amendments or other modifications to the ethical standards shall also be filed with the Tennessee Ethics Commission as soon as practical after adoption by the governing body.

SECTION __. The municipal technical advisory service (MTAS) for municipalities and the county technical assistance service (CTAS) for counties shall disseminate, and amend from time to time as necessary, model ethical standards for elected or appointed local governmental officials and employees to provide guidance for the various

municipalities and counties. Any municipality or county that adopts the standards of conduct for elected or appointed local governmental officials and employees promulgated by MTAS or CTAS is not required to file such policy with the Tennessee Ethics Commission but shall notify the Tennessee Ethics Commission in writing that the policy promulgated by MTAS or CTAS was adopted and the date such action was taken.

SECTION___. Members of a governing body of a municipality or county that fails to adopt ethical standards as provided in this chapter shall be subject to removal from office as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 47.